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SUBJ: KHMER SITUATIONER - MARCH 9, 1975

1. FANK UNITS ARE IN OPERATION TO CLEAR ROUTE 51 IN THE SEVENTH DIVISION AREA, NORTHWEST OF THE CAPITAL. THIS ROUTE IS REPORTED NEARLY CLEARED. OTHER OPERATIONS BY GOVERNMENT TROOPS ARE REPORTED THE MORNING OF MARCH 8 TO PUSH BACK COMMUNIST FORCES NORTHWEST OF PREK PHENU. COMBINED FANK ELEMENTS ARE REPORTED IN THIS OPERATION AND SOME GAINS ARE REPORTED. HEAVY ENEMY GROUND ATTACKS ARE REPORTED ALONG ROUTE FIVE, NORTH OF THE CAPITAL. SCATTERED ATTACKS ARE ALSO REPORTED SOUTHWEST, SOUTHEAST AND MORTHEAST OF THE CAPITAL. SOUTH OF THE CAPITAL, THE COASTAL TOWN OF KAMPOT ALSO REPORTS HEAVY COMMUNIST GROUND AND MORTAR ATTACKS. SOUTHEAST OF THE CAPITAL, PREY VENG REPORTS HEAVY ENEMY ATTACKS WHICH RESULTED IN FOUR FANK POSITIONS GIVEN UP. THESE WERE, HOWEVER, RECAPTURED ON MARCH 8. FORTY-TWO COMMUNIST SOLDIERS WERE KILLED IN THIS

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ACTION AND ASSORTED WEAPONS CAPTURED. THE AIRLIFT OF

SUPPLIES TO PHNOM PENH CONTINUED WITH TWENTY-NINE C-130 AND FIFTEEN DC-8 SORTIES FLOWN YESTERDAY, MARCH 8. APPROXIMATELY 1000 TONS DAILY OF RICE, AMMUNITION, AND POL IS REACHING THE CAPITAL VIA AIR SUPPLY. THERE WERE THIRTY-SIX 107 MM ROCKET ATTACKS AND SEVEN 105 MM ROUNDS REPORTED BETWEEN 0650 HOURS, MARCH 8, AND 0404 HOURS ON MARCH 9. MOST OF THESE IMPACTED AROUND POCHENTONG AIRFIELD WITH SEVERAL OF THE TOTAL REPORTED IN THE CITY. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO AIRFIELD INSTALLATIONS OR AIRCRAFT. FIVE PERSONS ARE REPORTED WOUNDED IN THESE LATEST ATTACKS.

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